# Proclamation

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### Andy Beshear Gobernor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### To All To Whom These Presents Shall Gome:

- WHEREAS, Nurses are the largest group of healthcare providers in the United States and in the Commonwealth, where they number over 88,000; and
- WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association declares a "Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation" social movement for action knowing that nurses report higher levels of stress than the general public; and
- WHEREAS, 8 in 10 nurses say their mental health has been affected by Covid-19, causing extreme levels of burnout and psychological trauma; and
- WHEREAS, Suicide rates among nurses are higher than suicide rates for the general population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, 2021 is being celebrated as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes the contributions made by nurses and supports their mental health and resiliency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as

#### **NURSE SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  $5^{th}$  day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One and in the  $229^{th}$  year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESTEAR

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State

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